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Thanksgiving enforcement details underway

ALEA reminds citizens to buckle up every trip

The Alabama Law Enforcement Agency (ALEA) is working with multiple local law enforcement agencies across the state to make sure everyone stays safe on the roads throughout the week of Thanksgiving. Whether driving cross country or just across town to celebrate the holiday, remember to buckle up. Every trip. Every time.

Starting Saturday, Nov. 23, and running through Sunday, Dec. 1, ALEA Troopers will conduct high-visibility enforcement details such as driver license checkpoints and Light Detection and Ranging (LIDAR) operations. Specialized details for the Thanksgiving holiday will include targeting high-crash areas along busy corridors and partnerships with local law enforcement agencies for driver license checkpoints, all in an effort to reduce crashes, injuries and fatalities.

ALEA Secretary Hal Taylor said, "Effective coordination among law enforcement agencies is crucial for the safety of citizens and visitors across all of our communities. We work with our local partners throughout the year, every year, however, these efforts are especially important during high-traffic periods such as the Thanksgiving holiday. We are thankful for all local law enforcement agencies as our shared goal is to reduce tragedies and save lives."

ALEA's Department of Public Safety (DPS) Director, Colonel Jonathan Archer agreed and said, "The Thanksgiving holiday marks the beginning of a cherished time of year. Tragically, many Alabama families experience loss due to preventable motor vehicle accidents caused by impaired driving, speeding, and failure to wear seat belts."

In addition to being required by law, buckling up is the best defense against injury or death in a crash. According to data compiled by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), during the Thanksgiving holiday weekend in 2022 (6 p.m. on Wednesday, November 23, to 5:59 a.m. on Monday, November 28), there were 326 passenger vehicle occupants killed in traffic crashes across the nation, and 43% (141) were unrestrained. Not wearing a seat belt proved to be deadly at any time of the day during the holiday weekend: 47% of those killed in nighttime crashes were unbuckled, and 38% of those killed in daytime crashes also were unbuckled. These deaths represent needless trag-

edies for families across America and may have been prevented with the simple click of a seat belt.

"No matter how long or short your drive, it's critical that drivers and passengers Buckle Up. Every Trip. Every Time. We want everyone to have a safe and happy Thanksgiving. Please, make sure everyone in your vehicle is buckled before you ever turn on the car — and that includes children being in the correct car seats, too," continued Colonel Archer.

Seat belts are the best defense against impaired, aggressive, and distracted drivers. Being buckled up during a crash helps keep you safe and secure inside your vehicle.

Guidelines to buckle up safely:

1. The lap belt and shoulder belt are secured across the pelvis and rib cage, which are better able to withstand crash forces than other parts of your body.
2. Place the shoulder belt across the middle of your chest and away from your neck.
3. The lap belt rests across your hips, not your stomach.
4. Never put the shoulder belt behind your back or under an arm.

For more information about ALEA and additional seasonal safety tips, visit www.alea.gov.



IN THE SPIRIT OF GIVING...The Senior Beta Club at Elba High School recently organized a successful canned food drive in support of the Elba Food Pantry. This initiative encouraged a friendly competition among classes, challenging each group to see who could donate the highest number of canned goods and non-perishable items. In a spirited effort, students rallied together, resulting in an impressive total of 417 donated items. To celebrate the achievements of the top class, delicious donuts were provided as a reward for their contributions. The dedication and enthusiasm displayed by all students at Elba High School made this charitable project possible. The officers of the Senior Beta Club proudly posed with the collected items, symbolizing the collective effort of the entire school community in making a positive impact. The canned food drive not only addressed immediate needs in the community but also fostered a sense of teamwork and compassion among students. Pictured L-R, Keelie Moseley-Vice President, Jah'Haira Walker-Secretary, Kalleigh Russell-Treasurer, Jacob Watkins-President.

Ma-Chis Lower Creek Indian Tribe awarded LIHEAP funding

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), through the Office of Community Services (OCS) at the Administration for Children and Families (ACF), announced the release of \$3.7 billion through LIHEAP.

This amount includes the regular block grant appropriation and an additional \$100,108 million appropriated for federal Fiscal Year 2025 (FY25) from President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA). The \$108,197 became available from unobligated FY23 IIJA funds that were returned to HHS for redistribution.

Ma-Chis Lower Creek Indian Tribe was awarded a total of \$13,500 to assist low-income families ahead of the winter season. This includes: \$13,500 from the regular LIHEAP block grant funding. Ma-Chis Lower Creek Indian tribal FY25 Model Plans have been approved and will receive funding with the first release.

Individuals interested in applying for energy assistance can visit energyhelp.us or call the National Energy Assistance Referral (NEAR) hotline toll-free at 1-866-674-6327.

Elba Career Academy joins forces to fight hunger during Christmas Parade

As the Elba Christmas Parade lights up main street Elba this season, the Elba Career Academy and its FBLA, FCCLA, FFA, HOSA and AKILLS USA members are stepping up to make the holiday a little brighter for those in need.

During the Elba Christmas Parade (Monday evening, Dec. 2), academy students will be collecting canned food donations along the parade route to benefit the local food bank. Under the theme "Can-Do Christmas," the academy's festive float will be decked out in holiday cheer with a creative design inspired by the spirit of giving.

The "Can-Do Christmas Express" float, adorned with oversized cans of food and glittering Christmas lights, will be a joyful sight and an important reminder of the difference a single can can make in the lives of local families.

"We wanted to spread holiday cheer in a meaningful way, and this food

drive allows the community to come together in a fun and impactful effort," said Christina Morgan, ECA director. "We encourage everyone to bring at least one canned food item to the parade, but the more, the merrier!"

Elba Career Academy students will walk alongside the float, cheerfully collecting donations directly from parade-goers and giving out candy canes in thanks. All donated items will go to the local food bank, which is especially in need of canned vegetables, fruits, soups, and nonperishables during the winter months.

Don't miss this chance to support the "Can-Do Christmas" effort! Join Elba Career Academy in spreading holiday joy by bringing canned goods to the Elba Christmas Parade. Every can donated makes a difference—let's show the true spirit of community and compassion this holiday season.



COFFEE COUNTY 2024 FARM OF DISTINCTION...The Coffee County Farm City Week Banquet was held Thursday night, Nov. 21 in New Brockton and the prestigious Farm of Distinction this year was presented to Britt Farms. Britt Farms was established in 1953 when the late Frank Britt bought the farm from a family member, Dutch Boazman after moving here from Clay County after Bozeman was injured by a sawmill. Late Frank Britt and wife, Patsy, had a son, the late Al Britt who continued their farming legacy until he passed away this year at 72. The Britt Farms legacy is continued by Al's son, Reggie Britt, alongside his son. Britt Farms is a family-operated agricultural business managed by Reggie Britt. The farm features a diversified operation that includes commercial poultry houses, a cow/calf cattle operation, and row crop production. Over the years, Britt Farms has built a reputation for sustainable and responsible farming practices, maintaining a strong commitment to both land stewardship and animal welfare. The poultry houses are operated with precision and care to meet high-quality standards, while the cattle operation focuses on raising healthy, well-cared-for livestock. The row crop portion of the farm contributes to the region's agricultural output, with crops selected based on market demand and sustainable practices. This multi-generational farm has adapted to changing agricultural trends while preserving the values and dedication of its founders, ensuring a legacy for the farm's future generations. First South Farm Credit's Ethan Stanley presented the 2024 Coffee County 2024 Farm-City Farm of Distinction award to the Britt Family (shown above). More from the banquet will be in next week's paper!

Area Happenings

The Elba Clipper office will be closed Wednesday, Nov. 27, and Thursday, Nov. 28, for Thanksgiving. The office will only be open until 12 noon on Friday, Nov. 29th.

City of Elba offices will be closed Thursday, Nov. 28, and Friday, Nov. 29, for the Thanksgiving holiday.

The Elba Christmas Parade will be Monday, Dec. 2, at 6 p.m. The theme is "Elba - The Most Magical Place on Earth" and deadline to enter the parade is Wednesday, Nov. 27th. Parade lineup will begin as early as 3 p.m. on Dec. 2nd with it starting promptly at 6 p.m. For more information or to return entry forms, email: elbachamber@troycable.net or call (334) 897-3125. The Christmas Parade is sponsored by the Elba Chamber of Commerce and the City of Elba.

The Elba City Council meeting for Dec. 23rd has been rescheduled to Monday, Dec. 9, following the first bi-monthly meeting of the council set for 5:30 p.m. This is due to the Christmas holidays.

The Elba Water and Electric Board meeting for Dec. 23rd has been cancelled. The W&E Board will meet again in January.

EDITORIAL

ADPH Maternal Mortality Review Program launches CDC's Hear Her Campaign

Too many Alabama women die each year from complications related to pregnancy. These deaths occur during pregnancy and up to one year following a pregnancy/delivery. During reviews of deaths from 2018-2019, the Alabama Maternal Mortality Review Committee (MMRC) determined that 24 out of 93 (26%) deaths were pregnancy-related. Of these deaths, 15 out of 24 (62.5%) were determined to be preventable.

In the past decade, the pregnancy-related mortality ratio in the United States has nearly doubled. In 2021, the ratio increased to 33.2 deaths per 100,000 live births from 17.8 in 2011. The Alabama Department

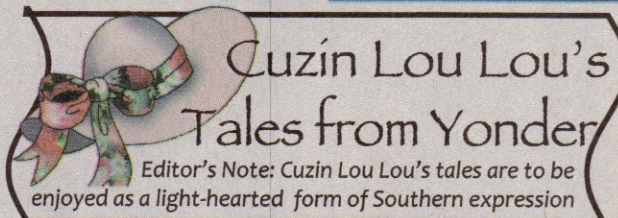
of Public Health (ADPH) Maternal Mortality Review Program (MMRP) is launching the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Hear Her Campaign.

The Hear Her Campaign supports efforts to prevent pregnancy-related deaths by sharing potentially life-saving messages about urgent maternal warning signs. It includes resources for people who are pregnant or postpartum, their partners, family, and friends; and the health care professionals who interact with them. The Hear Her Campaign aims to empower women and their support networks to know the urgent maternal warning signs and speak up when they have concerns. Recognizing the warning

signs and getting the right diagnosis and treatment as soon as possible can save lives.

Pregnant and postpartum people up to a year after

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Cuzin Lou Lou and the gang were busy earlier in the week readying themselves for Thanksgiving, and the entire gang wishes a great day for all filled with love, laughter and lots and lots of good food!

As for the gang, they will enjoy a feast of the holiday norms including turkey and dressing along other veggies and dessert. Lou Lou even predicted that Sister would proclaim before Thursday that she would not eat as much turkey this year and avoid that "turkey coma," but that proclamation would fail as soon as 'ole Tom was pulled from the oven. Happens every year!! The only difference now is Little Bean tries to get in on the action with Sister...so, they both have to be watched as Beam will follow closely behind Sister waiting for her to secretly share the goods.

Papa will wait until "lunch is served" to start his grazing, but after that moment all bets are off. He'll insist he can't eat another bite after lunch but will somehow miraculously recover an hour later and be caught getting an extra piece of cake or snagging another bite of turkey.

Lou Lou also will eat her fair share and will stretch out on the couch for a bit afterwards, but she will do so with a smile on her face. Only a small portion of the smile will be because of the good food. The main reason Lou Lou will be smiling is

because Thanksgiving is the one day each year that she puts everything else on hold and focuses solely on those who mean the most to her here on this earth.

Lou Lou handles the majority of the cooking for the gang on Thanksgiving because it is a connection she holds dear to her heart. Cooking was a great talent of Mama's...anyone who ever had the joy of eating her food could attest. When Mama's health began to really fail as Lou Lou was in her early 20s, she took over the cooking duties. Now, the first year or so was anything but "like Mama did it" but the whole family pretended Lou Lou had done it just right. Then, after Mama passed Lou Lou made it a mission to continuously improve to make the gang's Thanksgiving meal something really special and comparable to Mama's!

Now, Lou Lou will never believe hers is truly as good as Mama's but she has gotten pretty close with that Thanksgiving meal. So, this Thanksgiving, just like the past 21, Lou Lou will pour all the love she has into the Yonder gang's meal cherishing every moment she had learning from the best. And, on that day, heaven will feel just a little closer to home with Mama in it.

Any day Lou Lou can spend with those she loves the most here on earth, it is the best of the best. And...that is why she loves Thanksgiving so much. Definitely something to be thankful for...and the added full bellies are just the icing on the cake.

Happy Thanksgiving to all the Yonder Gang's family and friends!

Until next time...God Bless and Keep Smiling!

Windy Thoughts

with Linda Hodge, Editor

The Elba Tigers have advanced to the state semi-finals in football and will be traveling this Friday (Nov. 29th) to Maplesville to compete for a chance to play in the state championship game Dec. 5th for Class 1A in Alabama. Last week, the Tigers played at home in the quarterfinals in front of a large crowd. It was nice to look back at the stands from our spot on the sidelines and see nearly the entire home side filled with fans. The Elba Tigers always receive great community support, but the playoff crowds have been great this season. We hope folks will make the trip this Friday to support the Tigers and cheer them to another victory! The football team, cheerleaders, and band all love the support they receive from their community, and it makes us smile each and every time the "good guys" bring have the largest crowd - whether we are at home or visiting elsewhere! Good luck Friday night, Elba Tigers!!

We received a phone call last week from a citizen and business owner that had made a trip to the county courthouse on Friday morning hoping to take care of some business only to find the office he needed to visit was closed. This citizen had missed the previous announcements that many of the Coffee County offices would be closed on Fridays beginning September 30th this year. To say the least, he was not thrilled to find the office closed on a Friday and questioned whether or not the "powers that be" for the county had considered the taxpayers when they made the decision to change the operating hours for the offices. We did note in our conversation that the offices work longer hours each Monday-Thursday to make way for the Friday closure, but he still was not convinced this was a good move on the county's part. We have spoken the past couple months with several county employees about the work schedule change, and the majority of them have said they really like the new schedule; but, not all have liked the change. We, personally, have found there are times on a Friday when we wish the offices were open because we have some business we would like to handle, but we also have conceded those things could have been done on one of the other days of the week if we had planned around it better. Truthfully, we don't really have an opinion one way or the other on the change in the county's operating hours for the offices - we are just learning to adjust and work with it, but the phone call last week generated some curiosity for us. What to do others think about Coffee County's new hours of operation schedule for offices such as the Probate Office, Revenue Commissioners Office, Commission Office, Sheriff's Administrative Offices, Environmental Services Offices [this is office personnel only, not deputies], and Maintenance Department? Is the 10 hour days on Mondays - Thursdays and closed on Fridays something that is working for the citizens or is it creating problems? After hearing from one concerned citizen, we'd really like to hear what others are thinking too.

We hope all our readers have a Happy Thanksgiving. Take time inbetween the turkey cravings to give thanks for all your many blessings. We certainly plan to do just that with our own family. We also plan to offer thanks for each and every one of you...as our loyal readers, you are important to us, and we thank you for giving us the opportunity each and every week to share our local news with you! Thank you for all your support through the years!!

Locals make Provost's List at Troy

Troy University announces the names of students who have been named to the Provost's List for Term 1 of the 2024-2025 academic year.

Full-time undergraduate students who are registered for 12 semester hours and who have a grade point average of at least 3.65 qualify for the Provost's List. Term 1 includes students at TROY's campuses in Dothan, Phenix City and Montgomery, Ala., along with teaching sites outside of Alabama and online.

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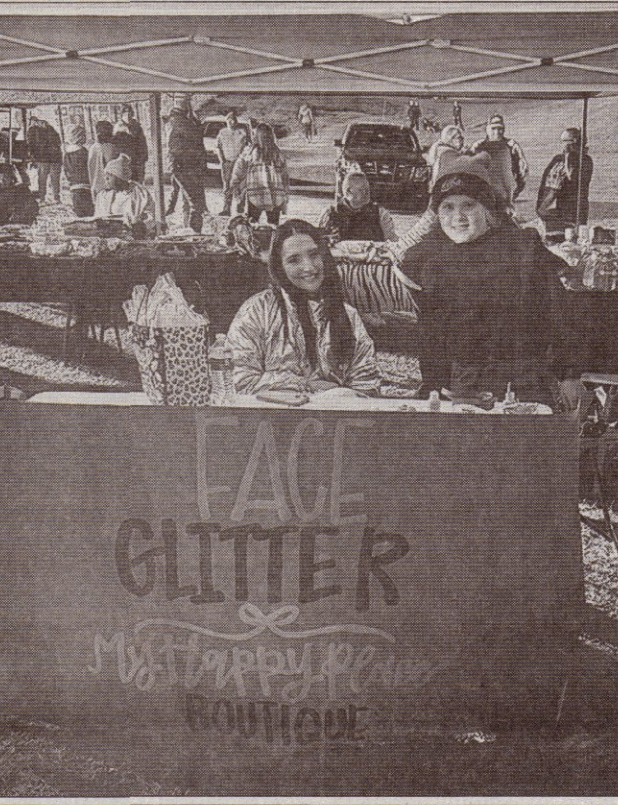
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Elba fans enjoy tailgating prior to last week's football game



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pregnancy need to seek medical care immediately if they experience any of the following signs or symptoms:

- Severe headache that won't go away or gets worse over time.
- Dizziness or fainting.
- Thoughts about harming yourself or your baby.
- Changes in your vision.
- Fever of 100.4 degrees F or higher.
- Extreme swelling of your hands or face.
- Trouble breathing.
- Chest pain or fast-beating heart.
- Severe nausea and throwing up (not like morning sickness).
- Severe belly pain that doesn't go away.
- Baby's movement stopping or slowing down during pregnancy.
- Vaginal bleeding or fluid leaking during pregnancy.
- Heavy vaginal bleeding or leaking fluid after pregnancy.
- Swelling, redness, or pain of your leg.
- Overwhelming tiredness.

Everyone has an important role to play in helping prevent pregnancy-related deaths. Listening and taking the concerns of pregnant and recently pregnant people seriously is a simple, yet powerful, action. It can prevent serious health complications and death.

- Women and their friends and family can know and communicate the warning symptoms. Communicate recent pregnancy history any time they receive medical care in the year after delivery.

Health care providers can help patients manage chronic conditions and have ongoing conversations about the warning signs of complications. They can listen to patients, build trust, and make sure concerns are addressed in a timely manner.

Hospitals and health systems can play an important coordination role, encouraging communication and collaboration among health care providers. They can also work to improve delivery of quality care before, during, and after pregnancy and standardize approaches for responding to obstetric emergencies.

States and communities can address social determinants of health, such as

providing prioritized access to housing and transportation services for pregnant and postpartum people. They can develop systems of care to ensure women with high-risk pregnancies are delivered at hospitals with specialized health care providers and equipment. They can support MMRCs to review the causes behind every maternal death and identify actions to prevent future deaths.

ADPH has included information about the campaign on its website, <https://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/perinatal/maternal-mortality-review.html>. Shared posts are also on social media platforms.

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JAMES "JIMMY" ELWOOD JONES

Mr. James "Jimmy" Elwood Jones, born February 14, 1949, in Enterprise, Ala., died Tuesday, Nov. 12, 2024.

He was a graduate of Auburn University, with a degree in engineering management, but on Saturday night you would find him cheering on the LSU Tigers. During his time at Auburn, he was also a member of the Alabama National Guard. He served as the director of manufacturing for Jordache/Ditto Apparel for 45+ years.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Nov. 19, 2024, at Hixson Brothers Funeral Home, Pineville, with Kenneth Hyde and Richard Debusk officiating. Burial followed in Rachal Cemetery in Marco.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Manuel and Elizabeth Jones, and his sister, Mary Kirkland.

Survivors include his loving wife of 46 years, Brenda Sue Rachal Jones, of Dry Prong; his three children, Christopher Blake Jones (Hannah) of Colfax, Suzanne McDonald (Vaughan), and Benji Peavy (Crystal) of Pollock; and his grandchildren, Analeece, Norah, Greyson and Cora.

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STATE OF ALABAMA, GENEVA COUNTY.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE

Default having been made under the terms and conditions of that certain mortgage dated the 28th day of November, 2022, executed by Luis Alberto Alvarez Flores to William Nathan Mathis, a married man, which said mortgage is recorded in OR Book 1176, Page 398, recorded November 28th, 2022, and said default continuing, the undersigned has elected to declare the entire indebtedness secured by said mortgage to be due and payable as provided in said mortgage, and notice is hereby given, that pursuant to law and the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the undersigned will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder, for cash, at the front door of the Geneva County Courthouse in Geneva, Alabama, during the legal sale hours on the 12th day of December, 2024, the following described real estate, situated in Geneva County, Alabama, to-wit:

One lot or parcel of land in Geneva County, Alabama as surveyed by The Boundary Hunter, LLC as per plat dated October 19, 2022 and being more particularly described as follows: Beginning at an existing ½" rebar, cap #28576 marking the North-west corner of Section 16, Township 1 North, Range 25 East and the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence N85°37'29"E for a distance of 678.08 feet to an existing ½" rebar, cap #28576; thence S00°36'50"E for a distance of 543.30 feet to an iron pin set (1/2") rebar, cap #CA 1143) on the North-west Right of Way (R/W) line of Bethesda Church Road (not paved); thence along said R/W line, along a curve to the riving having a radius of 4975.00 feet and an arc length of 193.43 feet with a chord bearing and distance of S61°19'39"W, 193.42 feet to an existing ½" rebar, cap #28576; thence continue along said R/W line S62°26'29"W for a distance of 579.31 feet to an existing ½" rebar, cap #28576; thence leaving said R/W line, N00°13'29"E for a distance of 852.52 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. Said land is located in the NW ¼ of the NW ¼ of Section 16, Township 1 North, Range 25 East and contains 10.91 acres, more or less.

Said property will be sold "AS IS." Said property will be sold subject to the right of redemption of all parties entitled thereto. No representation or warranty, expressed or implied, is made as to the title of said property. Said property is subject to any title deficiencies including but not limited to: any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of recorded superior to the Mortgage first set above.

The debt secured by said Mortgage has been and is hereby declared due because of among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as and when due and in the manner provided in the Note and Mortgage. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, as provided in said Mortgage and by Alabama law. This sale is subject to postponement or cancellation. Alabama law gives some persons who have interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process.

An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as part of the foreclosure process. The proceeds of the sale will be applied, first to the expenses of advertising and conducting said sale, including a reasonable attorney's fee, for legal services as provided in such mortgage; second, to the payment of any debt other than the note above described which may then be due or owing to the Mortgagee, with interest to the date of sale; third, to the payment of the above described note with the interest thereon to the date of sale; forth, the surplus, if any, shall be paid to the Mortgagor.

/s/ Alfred J. Danner
Alfred J. Danner, Attorney for Mortgagee
P.O. Box 33
Geneva, AL 36340
11/14,21&28-chg.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

CASE NO. PR-2024-148

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF BRETT WILLIAM HANSEN, DECEASED.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters of Administration of said deceased having been granted to Diana Hansen, Personal Representative on the 7th day of November, 2024, by the Honorable Jodee Thompson, Judge of Probate of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law for the same will be barred.

/s/ Thomas S. Smith

Thomas S. Smith

11/14,21&28-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF SARA NELL MEEKS CASE NO. PR-2024-192

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to Donna J. Bowden, Personal Representative, on the 13th day of November, 2024, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson Probate Judge for Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Jodee R. Thompson

Probate Judge

Richard W. Whittaker
Attorney for Estate
P.O. Box 311166
Enterprise, AL 36331-1166
11/21,28&12/5-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA.

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF JAMES NORTON MILLER DECEASED. CASED NO.: 2024-834

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters of Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to Eileen W. Miller, on the 14 day of November, 2024, by the Honorable Toby L. Seay, Judge of Probate Court of Geneva County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Toby L. Seay, Probate Judge
11/21,28&12/5-chg.

IN THE PROBATE COURT STATE OF ALABAMA GENEVA COUNTY CASE NO. 24-833

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF ABIGAIL MAE GIBBS

THE STATE OF ALABAMA SENDS GREETINGS TO:

The father whose identity is unknown and any and all other persons concerned with the custody of ABIGAIL MAE GIBBS, a female child born August 29, 2016. You are hereby summoned to appear in the Probate Court of Geneva County, Alabama, to answer, respond to, or otherwise defend a Petition for Adoption filed by William E. Gibbs and Kay A. Gibbs. An answer, response, or other defense to this petition must be filed within 30 days of the final publication of this notice. You are also further commanded to provide a copy of said responsive pleadings to said Petition to Michael P. Hughes, Attorney for Petitioners, P.O. Box 10, Geneva, Alabama 36340. Given under my hand and seal this the 12 day of November, 2024.

/s/ Toby L. Seay

Toby Seay

Geneva County Probate Judge

11/21,28,12/5&12-pd.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY ADMINISTRATOR

ESTATE OF JOHN MARVIN McALLISTER, Deceased

PROBATE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY 24-831

Letters of Administration of said deceased having been granted to John Matthew McAllister aka Jonathan Matthew McAllister, Administrator on the 19th day of November, 2024, by the Honorable Toby L. Seay, Judge of Probate Court of Coffee County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

JONATHAN MATTHEW McALLISTER
11/28,12/5&12-pd.

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

The New Brockton Water Department is accepting sealed bids for remodeling an office building located at 406 West McKinnon Street in New Brockton. This will include roofing, plumbing, electrical, framing, drywall, painting and HVAC. All persons submitting must be licensed, bonded and insured. Copies of each must be submitted with your bid. All bids must be received by January 6th and will be opened at our January 14th Board meeting at 5:30 PM at Town Hall, 706 E McKinnon Street, New Brockton, AL. A copy of the plans for the building can be picked up at the New Brockton Water Department, 706 E McKinnon Street, New Brockton, AL during the hours listed below. To schedule a time to look at the building call 334-894-5550 between 8 AM & 4:30 PM Monday - Friday. 11/21&28-chg.

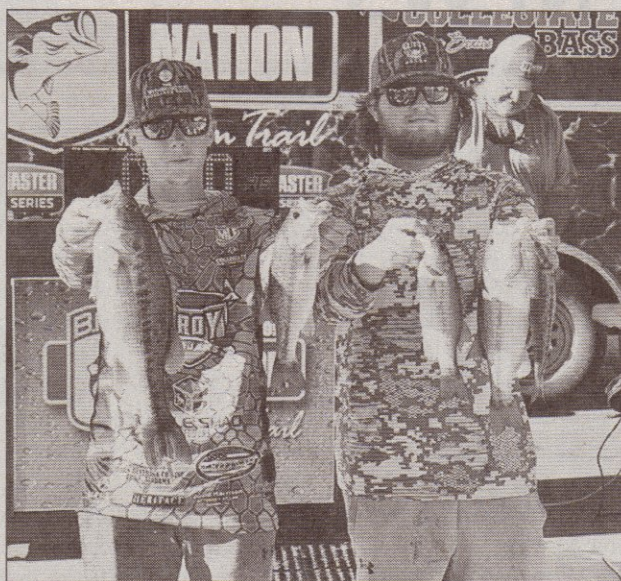
Troy University Bass Fishing Team enjoys great stop on Southern Collegiate Bass Trail

The Troy University Bass Fishing Team has continued to push forward as they grind to make points to finish big at the end of the 2025 season.

In October, team members continued the ACA Collegiate series on Lake Dardanelle.

Lake Dardanelle is located near Dardanelle, Arkansas, a city in the northeast Yell County, Arkansas. It is a major reservoir on the Arkansas River. The lake covers nearly 40,000 acres with abundant opportunities for fishing. It reaches 50 miles upstream the Arkansas River and has 315 miles of shoreline.

The TU team managed to scratch out some needed SOY (School of the Year) points. Out of a total of 262 teams, Troy University had six teams and five of these teams weighed in. Although their results were not the results they had aimed for, they put this one behind and made plans to compete at Lake Demopolis a couple of weeks later.



Troy University Bass Fishing Team members Avery Padgett (a Zion Chapel alum) and Kasen Pemberton had a 12th Place finish in on Lake Demopolis. Their fellow Troy teammates Fischer Barber and Brian Haire secured the win for this particular collegiate tournament.

The Demopolis Reservoir is a 10,000-acre reservoir located near the city of Demopolis, Alabama, in Marengo County. Demopolis Lake is downstream of the towns of Eutaw in Greene County on the Warrior River and Gainsesville on the Tombigbee River. The lake

extends 48 miles upriver on the Black Warrior River and 53 miles up the Tombigbee River.

This tournament was a fantastic start for the TU anglers on their first stop of the Southern Collegiate Bass Trail.

Fischer Barber and Brian Haire secured the win with

an impressive 12.73 catch. Other teams also performed exceptionally well, with Avery Padgett and Kasen Pemberton finishing in 12th place and Lamberth and Leverette coming in at 25th place with fifty teams competing.

The team was happy with

their strong showing, and they hope their guys can keep it up and bring home the AOY title at the end of the year.

As always, the team thanks Troy University for the support they give them; also, they express thanks to their sponsors, companies,

and individuals for helping them.

The TU Bass Fishing Team will be back on the road and the water as they travel to Kentucky Lake, Paris, Tennessee, for the Bassmaster Team Championship December 4-7.



NEW BROCKTON LADY GAMECOCK Anna Blackmon (center) signed Wednesday, Nov. 20, to continue her softball career after high school with the Enterprise State Community College Lady Weevils. She was joined by her parents, Monica Blackmon and Andy Blackmon for the signing. Anna's grandparents are Jerome Blackmon and Dale and Sharon Wise.

LEGAL NOTICES

(Additional Legal Notices on Page 4)

Notice to Contractors Federal Aid Project No. NH-0012(587) COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

Sealed bids will be received by the Director of Transportation at the office of the Alabama Department of Transportation, Montgomery, Alabama until 10:00 AM on December 06, 2024 and at that time publicly opened for constructing the Widening, Planing, Resurfacing, and Traffic Stripe on SR-12 (US-84) from a point 0.250 mile west of the junction of Lawrence Drive in New Brockton to the junction of SR-192 in Enterprise. Length 4.803 mi.

The total amount of uncompleted work under contract to a contractor must not exceed the amount of his or her qualification certificate. The Entire Project Shall Be Completed In Fifty (50) Working Days. A 2.00% DBE Contract Obligation Is Required.

A Bidding Proposal may be purchased for \$5.00. Plans may be purchased for \$7.00 per set. Plans and Proposals are available at the Alabama Department of Transportation, 1409 Coliseum Boulevard, Room E-108, Montgomery, AL 36110. Checks should be made payable to the Alabama Department of Transportation. Plans and Proposals will be mailed only upon receipt of remittance. No refunds will be made.

Minimum wage rates for this project have been predetermined by the Secretary of Labor and are set forth in the advertised specifications. This project is subject to the contract work hours and Safety Standards Act and its implementing regulations.

Cashier's check or bid bond for 5% of bid (maximum - \$50,000.00) made payable to the Alabama Department of Transportation must accompany each bid as evidence of good faith.

The bracket range is shown only to provide general financial information to contractors and bonding companies concerning the project's complexity and size. This Bracket should not be used in preparing a bid, nor will this bracket have any bearing on the decision to award this contract.

The Bracket Estimate On This Project Is From \$2,567,752 To \$3,138,363. The proposed work shall be performed in conformity with the rules and regulations for carrying out the Federal Highway Act.

Plans and Specifications are on file in Room E-108 of the Alabama Department of Transportation at Montgomery, Alabama 36110. In accordance with the rules and regulations of The Ala-

bama Department of Transportation, proposals will be issued only to prequalified contractors or their authorized representatives, upon requests that are received before 10 AM., on the day previous to the day of opening of bids.

The bidder's proposal must be submitted on the complete original proposal furnished him or her by the Alabama Department of Transportation.

The Alabama Department of Transportation, in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 78 Stat. 252, 42

U.S.C. 2000D TO 2000D-4 and Title 49 code of Federal Regulations, Department

of Transportation, Subtitle A, Office of The Secretary, Part 21, nondiscrimination in federally-assisted programs of the Department of Transportation issued pursuant to such act, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively insure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin in consideration for an award.

The right to reject any or all bids is reserved. JOHN R. COOPER Transportation Director 11/21,28&12/5-chg.

Notice to Contractors Federal Aid Project No. STPAA-0087(518) COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

Sealed bids will be received by the Director of Transportation at the office of the Alabama Department of Transportation, Montgomery, Alabama until 10:00 AM on December 06, 2024 and at that time publicly opened for constructing the Micro- Milling, Resurfacing, Bridge Guardrail Retrofit, Guardrail Installation, and Traffic Stripe on SR-87 from Pea Creek north of Elba to the Pike County Line. Length 13.066 mi.

The total amount of uncompleted work under contract to a contractor must not exceed the amount of his or her qualification certificate. The Entire Project Shall Be Completed In Eighty (80) Working Days. A 2.00% DBE Contract Obligation Is Required.

A Bidding Proposal may be purchased for \$5.00. Plans may be purchased for \$7.00 per set. Plans and Proposals are available at the Alabama Department of Transportation, 1409 Coliseum Boulevard, Room E-108, Montgomery, AL 36110. Checks should be made payable to

the Alabama Department of Transportation. Plans and Proposals will be mailed only upon receipt of remittance. No refunds will be made.

Minimum wage rates for this project have been predetermined by the Secretary of Labor and are set forth in the advertised specifications. This project is subject to the contract work hours and Safety Standards Act and its implementing regulations.

Cashier's check or bid bond for 5% of bid (maximum - \$50,000.00) made payable to the Alabama Department of Transportation must accompany each bid as evidence of good faith.

The bracket range is shown only to provide general financial information to contractors and bonding companies concerning the project's complexity and size. This Bracket should not be used in preparing a bid, nor will this bracket have any bearing on the decision to award this contract.

The Bracket Estimate On This Project Is From \$3,814,084 To \$4,661,658. The proposed work shall be performed in conformity with the rules and regulations for carrying out the Federal Highway Act.

Plans and Specifications are on file in Room E-108 of the Alabama Department of Transportation at Montgomery, Alabama 36110. In accordance with the rules and regulations of The Alabama Department of Transportation, proposals will be issued only to prequalified contractors or their authorized representatives, upon requests that are received before 10 AM., on the day previous to the day of opening of bids.

The bidder's proposal must be submitted on the complete original proposal furnished him or her by the Alabama Department of Transportation. The Alabama Department of Transportation, in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 78 Stat. 252, 42

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gin in consideration for an award.

The right to reject any or all bids is reserved.

JOHN R. COOPER Transportation Director 11/21,28&12/5-chg.

Notice to Contractors Federal Aid Project No. STPAA-0167(518) COFFEE AND DALE COUNTIES, ALABAMA

Sealed bids will be received by the Director of Transportation at the office of the Alabama Department of Transportation, Montgomery, Alabama until 10:00 AM on December 06, 2024 and at that time publicly opened for constructing the Planing, Resurfacing, and Traffic Stripe on SR-167 from the Geneva County Line to the junction of SR-192 in Enterprise. Length 7.870 mi.

The total amount of uncompleted work under contract to a contractor must not exceed the amount of his or her qualification certificate. The Entire Project Shall Be Completed In Fifty-five (55) Working Days. A 4.00% DBE Contract Obligation Is Required.

A Bidding Proposal may be purchased for \$5.00. Plans may be purchased for \$11.00 per set. Plans and Proposals are available at the Alabama Department of Transportation, 1409 Coliseum Boulevard, Room E-108, Montgomery, AL 36110. Checks should be made payable to the Alabama Department of Transportation. Plans and Proposals will be mailed only upon receipt of remittance. No refunds will be made.

Minimum wage rates for this project have been predetermined by the Secretary of Labor and are set forth in the advertised specifications. This project is subject to the contract work hours and Safety Standards Act and its implementing regulations.

Cashier's check or bid bond for 5% of bid (maximum - \$50,000.00) made payable to the Alabama Department of Transportation must accompany each bid as evidence of good faith.

The bracket range is shown only to provide general financial information to contractors and bonding companies concerning the project's complexity and size. This Bracket should not be used in preparing a bid, nor will this bracket have any bearing on the decision to award this contract.

The Bracket Estimate On This Project Is From \$4,226,061 To \$5,165,186. The proposed work shall be performed in conformity with the rules and regulations for carrying out the Federal Highway Act.

Plans and Specifications are on file in Room E-108 of the Alabama Department of Transportation at Montgomery, Alabama 36110. In accordance with the rules and regulations of The Alabama Department of Transportation, proposals will be issued only to prequalified contractors or their authorized representatives, upon requests that are received before 10 AM., on the day previous to the day of opening of bids.

The bidder's proposal must be submitted on the complete original proposal furnished him or her by the Alabama Department of Transportation.

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF
THE ESTATE OF
BRUCE EUGENE
DURGA, Deceased.

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ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES

SPORTS NEWS

Views From

The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

While the idea of coming to their grandparent's house on Thanksgiving to eat turkey and watch football may not have Lawson and Cannon excited, both our grandsons are more than a little excited about Christmas and we already have a list of possible gifts. I will admit the tree is up and would look better with a few gifts under the branches, and feel like their Nanny will start wrapping presents real soon.

For what it is worth....

*** *The Elba Tigers ran their winning streak* to ten games and advanced to the semifinals of the 1A high school football playoffs for the second straight season last week with a lopsided 62-20 win over Georgiana. The Tigers made a couple of mistakes in the second quarter that gave the Georgiana fans hope, but dominated play the other three quarters on both sides of the ball and at times made it look easy. On offense, Elba rushed for 540 yards on 58 carries with seven runners taking turns toting the football, led by Alvin Henderson with 320 yards and

six touchdowns and Cayden Adkins with 111 yards and two scores. The offensive line kept hammering away at the Georgiana defensive front and wore them down in the second half when the Tigers went up and down the field. On defense, the Tigers limited the speedy Georgiana offense just 34 yards on the ground and 50 yards in the air, got four three-and-outs and had two fourth down stops that let the defense get off the field and had the ball back over to the offense. Elba's 'special teams' weren't so special as it kept a Georgiana drive alive with a roughing the kicker penalty and twice allowed long kickoff returns, including on for a score. However, it was a team win as the Tigers battled for all four quarters and in the second half let Georgiana know that its hopes of winning a state title in basketball and football would have to wait.

*** *The third round of the high school playoffs* was filled with action in all seven classes with a couple of upsets and lots of really good games. In Class 7A, Thompson, which lost three games in overtime and kind of got forgotten about, eliminated Enterprise 31-7, and Central Phenix City defeated Hoover 17-7, setting up a familiar final among the big boys. In Class 6A, Pike Road got a late field goal to get past Hueytown 11-8 in a defensive struggle, and Saraland smashed Spain Park 45-19 to remain unbeaten. In Class 5A, Montgomery Catholic won the battle of unbeaten against Clay Central 21-9 and Vigor hammered UMS-Wright 41-10. In Class 4A, St. Michael's kept its dream season alive with a 42-25

win over Fairfield, and Jackson remained on a roll with a 41-10 romp past Tallassee. In Class 3A, Houston Academy stunned previously undefeated T.R. Miller 17-14 and Fyffe lost in overtime 30-28 to Piedmont. In Class 2A, Highland Home rolled over Ariton 44-13 and Reeltown pulled away late to knock off previously unbeaten Cottonwood. In Class 1A, Maplesville outscored Millry 42-7 and high-scoring Wadley lit up the scoreboard in a 67-26 win over Berry.

*** *The high school basketball season has tipped off* and the big news early in the season has been the play of the Kinston Lady Bulldogs. The Lady Bulldogs are off to a fast start and last week surprised perennial power Samson to remain undefeated. I know there is a lot of basketball left to play, but Kinston's girls are definitely off to a fast start! Among other teams in the area, New Brockton's girls are making a lot of noise early in the season, as are the girls from Brantley, while the guys from Zion Chapel and New Brockton both looked good in their openers. It looks like a fun season ahead!

*** *Maybe now the Alabama coaching staff* will finally realize that just because you won the week before and are supposed to win again doesn't mean anything in the SEC. For the third time this season the Crimson Tide laid an egg against an opponent it was supposed to defeat, and for at least the third time this season the Tide got outcoached, something that is never supposed to happen. I'm not going to replay my feelings about Bama's head coach since I have made those feelings known many times before. However, this team has under-achieved for most of the year and it ain't because it doesn't have the players needed to play winning football week in and week out. The loss left Alabama with three losses in a season for the first time in 14 years, and that total could easily reach four this weekend against a dangerous Auburn team that will come to Tuscaloosa with nothing to lose. On top of that, look for a number of Tide players to sit out a meaningless bowl game in a couple of weeks and for a few more to jump in the portal. I know 'true' Alabama fans aren't supposed to question anything that happens up at T'town, but this has been brewing all season and despite many long time Tide sportswriters being seemingly afraid to speak what they may really feel, this old country boy will hunt and peck on his old laptop and remain adamant that Kalen DeBoer was the wrong hire to keep the tradition alive.

*** *Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator* emailed his picks again this week, but did promise to save me a turkey sandwich for the long ride coming up Friday night to Maplesville. The local guesspert hit on 12 of his 14 picks last week, and said he was keeping his fingers crossed his first perfect week of the season. Here is this week's fearless forecast....

ELBA VS. MAPLESVILLE

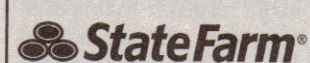
The Pea River felines will be looking to hold a revival this week in an attempt to show a flock of devils the way to success on the football field. The devils may not be in a good mood when it all gets started, but the guess here is the felines will show'em the way.

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Tigers head back into 'devils den

The Elba Tigers will continue their trek toward a state championship Friday night when they travel to Maplesville for a semi-final match-up against the Maplesville Red Devils.

Both teams will bring 11-2 records into the contest, with Elba riding a 10-game winning streak and Maplesville coming in after three impressive playoff victories.

"We made a trip to Maplesville last year in the third round of the playoffs and certainly know all about its rich tradition in football and how much this game will mean after we eliminated them a year ago," stated Elba Tiger head coach Marc Sieving.

"They are a well-coached and disciplined team in all areas and will have the advantage of playing at home. We know we will have to play our best on every snap to bring home a win and keep our goal alive of winning a state title. This is the fourteenth week of the season and both teams have played thirteen games. So, don't look for

a lot of surprises, just two good high school football teams looking to play their best at just the right time."

Maplesville was the 1A, Region 4 champion this season, the fourth time in five years the Red Devils have captured the region crown, and in nineteen trips to the semi-finals have a 6-13 record. The Red Devils own wins over Isabella 42-19, Ellwood Christian 55-0, Notasulga 51-20, Autauga Academy 21-20, Autaugaville 34-0, Billingsley 57-14, Keith 49-6, Verbena 36-12, Florala 35-6, Sweet Water 21-20 and Millry 42-7. Their two losses have been to Holtville 35-7 and Alabama Christian 32-29.

"On offense they use a lot of formations and have a really good running back and quarterback," said Sieving. "The running back was there last year and has grown into a big back with power and speed, and the quarterback is really smart and has complete command of their offense. They are very good at what they do on offense, and like

to throw short passes to move the chains and get the ball to their big back. They also have good size up front, and are just a really good team on the offensive side of the ball. Their defense is aggressive and isn't afraid to do some things that may look a little different to get the job done. It has good size up front and good speed to the outside. Maplesville is a solid football team in every area and has played well all season, and we expect them to play their best game of the season Friday night against us."

"For us to be successful this week we will have to improve in some areas from last week and play hard on every play," added Sieving. "On offense we will have to match their intensity at the line of scrimmage and maintain our blocks, especially against their two big guys, and keep the chains moving. We can't make mistakes or have bad plays when we get in scoring position, and just need to keep putting points on the scoreboard. The

defense will have to play really physical at the line of scrimmage against the run and play smart when they change formations. We have been playing a lot better on defense in recent weeks and certainly have a challenge ahead of us this week."

When asked about last week's third round win over Georgiana, Coach Sieving said, "It was a big win over a quality opponent from our own region, but we made too many mistakes that can come back and bite you in close games. On offense we were able to control the game with the run and did a good job running and blocking, and over on defense we were able to stop the run and make them put the ball in the air. I know they had a good passing attack, but when you know the pass is coming you can get ready. It was far from perfect, despite the score, and while we were proud of the win, it showed us a lot of things we still need to work on every day."

ROUNDBALL ROUNDUP

BOYS:

Samson 71 Kinston 67 – The Kinston Bulldogs battled until the final horn in a 71-67 road loss to the Samson Tigers. Colby Tew scored 18 points to lead the Bulldogs, while Jon Simmons added 14 and Tucker Marler scored 12. Tyler Lamb poured in 33 points to lead the Tigers.

Kinston 77 Red Level 64 – The Kinston Bulldogs used an aggressive style on both ends of the court to outscore the Red Level Tigers 77-64. Colby Tew scored 30 points to lead the Bulldogs, while JD Hart added 13 and Judd Green scored 11.

Straughn 71 Zion Chapel 52 – The Zion Chapel Rebels began play at the Straughn Thanksgiving Tournament with a 71-52 loss to the host Straughn Tigers. Joseph LeGear scored 16 points to lead the Rebels, while Brodie Stinson added 13 and Kavan Brown scored 11.

Wicksburg 49 Zion Chapel 43 – The Zion Chapel Rebels battled for all four quarters in a 49-43 road loss to the Wicksburg Panthers. Brodie Stinson scored 14 points and had 4 steals to lead the Rebels, while Kavan Brown added 11 points and 8 rebounds. Cooper Morrison scored 15 points to lead the Panthers.

Zion Chapel 87 Red Level 65 – The Zion Chapel Rebels lit up the scoreboard in a wild 87-65 win over the Red Level Tigers, in the second round of the Straughn Thanksgiving Tournament. Joseph LeGear scored 30 points to spark the Rebels to the big win, while Brady Flowers added 19 points and Brodie Stinson scored 11.

GIRLS:

Kinston 45 Samson 43 – The Kinston Lady Bulldogs remained on an early-season roll with an impressive 45-43 road win over the Samson Lady Tigers. Maddie Williams hit two free-throws with second seconds left to give Kinston, which saw a six-point fourth quarter lead vanish, a four-point lead, and the Lady Tigers held on for the win. Allyx Williamson scored 25 points to lead Kinston, while Holly Warren scored 30 points, grabbed 7 rebounds, had 4 steals and had 3 blocked shots to lead the Lady Tigers.

Kinston 46 Red Level 5 – The Kinston Lady Bulldogs dominated from the opening tip in a big 46-5 win over the Red Level Lady Tigers. Allyx Williamson scored 14 points and Lauren Norris added 11 to lead the Lady Bulldogs.

Wicksburg 54 Zion Chapel 28 – The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels tipped off their season with a 54-28 road loss to the Wicksburg Lady Panthers. Shea Wambles scored 17 points to lead the Lady Rebels, while Bella Sellers scored 11 points and grabbed 13 rebounds to lead the Lady Panthers.

Kinston 50 Ariton 27 – The Kinston Lady Bulldogs led all the way in a 50-27 road win over the Ariton Lady Cats. Allyx Williamson scored 29 points, grabbed 13 rebounds and had 7 steals to lead the Lady Bulldogs.

Brantley 45 Pike Lib 18 – The Brantley Lady Bulldogs

tipped off their season with a solid 45-18 win over the Pike Liberal Arts Lady Patriots. Coco Stamps scored 19 points, grabbed 8 steals and had 5 rebounds to lead the Lady Bulldogs, while Alex Grimes added 15 points and 7 rebounds, and Myia Mount scored 9 points, pulled down 13 rebounds and had 4 steals.

Brantley 63 Calhoun 47 – The Brantley Lady Bulldogs put together a four quarter performance in a solid 63-47 win over the Calhoun Lady Tigers. Coco Stamps scored 31 points, grabbed 8 rebounds, handed out 5 assists and had 5 steals to lead the Lady Bulldogs, while Alex Grimes added 25 points and grabbed 7 rebounds. Myia Mount pulled down 17 rebounds.

JV BOYS:

Kinston 32 Samson 16 – The Kinston Bulldogs posted a solid 32-16 road win over the Samson Tigers. Parker Weeks scored 8 points to lead the Bulldogs, while Triston Kilpatrick added 7 and Jackson Cowen scored 5 points to lead the Bulldogs. Hayden Juarez scored 7 points to lead the Tigers.

Red Level 28 Kinston 23 – The Kinston Bulldogs dropped a hard fought 28-23 decision to the Red Level Tigers. Triston Kilpatrick and Jackson Cowen scored 8 points, apiece, to lead the Bulldogs, while Jax Hawthorne added 5 points.

Wicksburg 40 Kinston 38 – The Kinston Bulldogs lost to the Wicksburg Panthers 40-38, in Wicksburg. Zavory Stanley scored 15 points to lead the Bulldogs, while Jud Green and Jon Simmons added 7 points, apiece. Bryson Rhett scored 25 points to lead the Panthers.

Wicksburg 65 Zion Chapel 25 – The Zion Chapel Rebels opened the season with a 65-25 road loss to the Wicksburg Panthers. Wyatt Asbill scored 13 points and Kyler Ellenburg added 13 to lead the Panthers.



Kinston Lady Bulldogs get instructions from coach during a time out in a recent win.

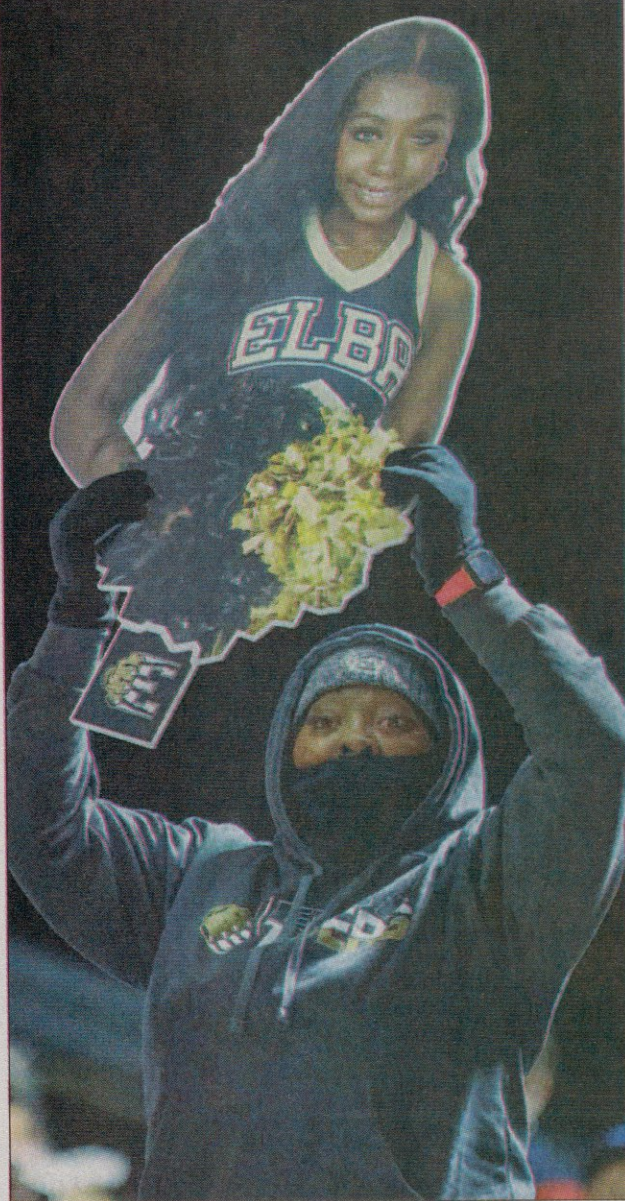
SPORTS NEWS



Elba Marching Tiger Band performed its pre-game show and at halftime at last week's third round playoff game at Tiger Stadium.



Elba Tiger Alvin Henderson (2) eyes room to run. Henderson rushed for 320 yards and six touchdowns in last week's 62-20 win.



Elba Tiger fan holds up a sign of her favorite cheerleader during last week's third round playoff win over Georgiana.

Elba pounds Panthers 62-20

By, Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor
Photos by, BC Sports Photography

The Elba Tigers pulled ahead in the first quarter and pulled away in the second half in a 66-20 third round playoff win over the Georgiana Panthers, on a cold Friday night at Tiger Stadium.

The Tigers began their first offensive series of the game at the Georgiana 46-yardline after a short punt and from there needed four plays to reach the endzone. A 28-yard pass from Cayden Adkins to Jacob Watkins was a key play in the scoring drive, while the score came on a 3-yard run by Alvin Henderson. Trai Davis kicked the extra-point as Elba grabbed a 7-0 lead with 9:16 left in the first quarter.

Elba regained possession at its own 34-yardline after a Panther punt and this time covered the 66 yards to the endzone in six plays to extend its lead. A 12-yard run by Adkins and a 10-yard run by Jacob Ledbetter helped the Tigers move down the field, while Henderson rushed for 35 yards on three carries and scored the Tiger touchdown on a 23-yard scamper. Davis added the extra-point as Elba's lead grew to 14-0 with 4:25 remaining in the quarter.

The Tigers put the ball in play at their own 40-yardline

after the Panthers third three-and-out, and went 60 yards in three plays to score their third touchdown of the quarter. Alvin Henderson had a 52-yard run that set Elba up at the Georgiana 8-yardline, and after a penalty backed the Tigers up, Henderson again got the call and responded with a 6-yard scoring run. Davis again added the extra-point as Elba's lead went to 21-0 with 1:51 still left in the first quarter.

Georgiana took advantage of two 15-yard penalties against Elba, including a roughing the kicker penalty on fourth down and 11, to drive 65 yards in ten plays to get on the scoreboard. Jacobie Morgan completed two passes for 30 yards to spark the drive, while Frederick Curry scored the touchdown on a 1-yard run. A two-point conversion failed to add points, but with 10:54 left in the second quarter the Tigers lead had been cut to 21-6.

Elba raced right back down the field on its ensuing possession to answer the Panther score as the Tigers went 59 yards in four plays to find the endzone. A 26-yard run by Ledbetter was a key play in the scoring drive, while Cayden Adkins scored the touchdown on a 1-yard run. Davis was true with the extra-point attempt to push Elba's lead to 28-6 with 9:26 left in the quarter.

Georgiana's Quan Scott

returned the ensuing kickoff 74 yards to set the Panthers up at the Elba 1-yardline, and after Morgan scored on a 1-yard run and Curry ran in the two-point conversion, the Tigers lead had been chopped to 28-14 with 9:09 remaining in the quarter.

Elba failed to score on its next possession after driving to the Georgiana 21-yardline, but got the ball back at its 34-yardline after a Panther punt and went 66 yards in three plays to get back into the endzone. Henderson scored the Tiger touchdown on a 52-yard gallop, and Davis kicked the extra-point as Elba stretched its lead to 35-14 with 2:15 left in the quarter.

Georgiana again stung the Tigers on the ensuing kickoff as the Panthers Jalen Crenshaw fielded the kick at the 21-yardline, spotted a hole in the middle of the field, and raced 79 yards for a touchdown. A two-point pass missed its target. However, with 2:02 left in the wild second quarter the Panthers were back in the hunt, trailing only 35-20.

Elba received the second half kickoff and wasted little time regaining command as the Tigers went 36 yards in four plays to reach the endzone. Alvin Henderson rushed for 23 yards on two carries and scored on a 9-yard run, and Davis added the extra-point to push the Tigers lead to 42-20 with 10:19 left in the third quarter.

Elba quickly regained possession near midfield after a fumble recovery by Cayden Adkins, and cashed in the turnover as the Tigers went 51 yards in three plays to add to their lead. Henderson scored the Tiger touchdown on a 47-yard run, and Davis was true with the extra-point as Elba went on top 49-20 with 7:13 remaining in the quarter.

Elba began its next

possession at its own 33-yardline following a defensive stand and five plays later was right back in the endzone. Cayden Adkins capped the scoring drive with a 51-yard run, and Davis booted the extra-point as the Tigers lead ballooned to 56-20 with 1:26 still left in the third quarter.

The Tigers began their final possession of the game at their own 36-yardline following another stop on defense, and marched 64 yards in 15 running plays and ate up almost ten minutes off the clock to hang their final points of the night on the scoreboard. Cassidy Carpenter rushed for 36 yards on six carries to help lead the Tigers down the field, while Laquatos Edwards added 26 yards on six carries and scored the Tiger touchdown on a 2-yard run as the Tigers advanced to the fourth round with a big 66-20 playoff win.

Alvin Henderson rushed for 320 yards and six touchdowns on 21 carries to lead the Elba ground attack, while Cayden Adkins added 111 yards and two touchdowns on 14 carries, Cassidy Carpenter added 43 yards on seven carries, Jacob Ledbetter added 35 yards on five carries, and Laquatos Edwards added 26 yards and one td on six carries.



Elba Tiger Jacob Watkins (6) stiff arms a would be Georgiana defender after pulling in a pass to set up the Tigers first touchdown.



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Elba Tiger Cassidy Carpenter (7) looks for a hole as he heads upfield. Carpenter rushed for 43 yards in last week's playoff win.



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CHURCH & AREA NEWS

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ENJOYABLE GATHERING...A few of the 'old Kleinert's group' gathered Thursday, Nov. 21, at the home of Van and Janice McCall for a fish lunch. Everyone enjoyed the food and fellowship and thanked the McCall's for their hospitality. Those pictured here include: Van McCall, Kim Leverett, Travis Holley, Terry Calhoun, Harry Young, and James Roth.

What does the Bible say about... God's Goodness?

Article written by Douglas Williams



"Therefore consider the goodness and severity of God: on those who fall, severity; but toward you, goodness, if you continue in His goodness. Otherwise you also will be cut off" (Romans 11:22).

"Good and upright is the Lord" (Psalm 25:8).

"For you, Lord, are good, and ready to forgive, and abundant in mercy to all those who call upon you" (Psalm 86:5).

"The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord" (Psalm 33:5).

"The goodness of God endures continually" (Psalm 52:1).

"So Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but one, that is, God' (Mark 10:18).

As the above verses indicate, there is so much said in the Bible about God's goodness, and that is the emphasis of this writing. But the Bible also says much about the severity of God, and how He punishes the disobedient. At Romans 11:22, Paul was writing to Christians telling them of God's goodness and blessings to them as they continued faithful, but reminded them of His severity if they fell away from faithfulness to God.

The goodness of God refers to His love, kindness, benevolence, generosity, etc., but on the other hand His severity means His demand for obedience, rigid conformity to

His will, His strictness and intensity, etc.

God is good all the time in His goodness toward us. The song states that, "God is so good. He answers prayers; He cares for me; I love Him so; He's so good to me."

James 1:17 tells us that, "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above." Matthew 5:45 tells us that God "makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and the unjust." God loves and blesses all with His material blessings, but His spiritual blessings in Christ are for those who are obedient to Him (Ephesians 1:3).

To enjoy these spiritual blessings we must become a Christian or follower of Christ by our faith in Jesus as God's Son, repenting of our sins, confessing our faith before men, and being baptized into Christ.

As we think of God's goodness to us, and especially the gift of His Son (John 3:16), it should cause us to want to obey and live for Jesus. Romans 2:4 states it this way, "Or do not despise the riches of His goodness, forbearance, and long-suffering, not knowing that the goodness of God leads you to repentance."

The goodness of God that leads us to become a Christian should cause us to always be faithful to Him, and He will take us to heaven at the end of our journey on earth.

ROUND AND ABOUT w/ ERIA'S DAUGHTER 334-282-2200



Scripture: Psalm 13: 1-6

Thinking of You! Praying for You.

Lynsae Gulley, Lauren Rogers, Lynsey Manning/ Baby Kylan, Lavonne Brooks, Tony (Cool Breeze) Wright, Ronald Hill, Monique Hutchinson, Ilaya O. Kelley-Smiley, Pray for World Peace

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Sean Warren 12/24

The High Cost of Shortcuts

There was once an extremely wealthy man who employed a very devoted and responsible contractor. One day the wealthy man asked the contractor to build him a home. He gave the contractor the specific instructions that he wanted him to follow, and he told him to use on the finest materials. The man also gave the contractor all the money that building the house would require. Then the man left on a business trip, with the instructions that he wanted the house done by the time he returned.

The contractor had begun building the home, when he thought to himself, "I have worked for this man for many years. I have been dedicated and hard-working, yet I live in a small home and am barely able to put food on my plate - while this man lives in luxury and pays me next to nothing."

So, the contractor decided that he would make some money from his employer by taking certain shortcuts in his work. When he ordered the materials for the house, he bought cheaper items than the plan called for, especially in materials that would be covered up so checking on

them would be difficult or impossible, then he pocketed the rest of the money. When the wealthy man returned from his trip, he came out to see the house. Then, he said to the contractor, "You have been a hard-working, dedicated employee all these years, and I want to reward you." He then handed the house key to the contractor and said, "Here. This is your house."

Satan tried to get Jesus to take a shortcut that would have bypassed the cross. Jesus, Satan claimed, would be able to rule over all the nations immediately without having to suffer a horrible death. Jesus refused to take any shortcuts. He stood His ground and remained obedient to the will of His Father. -L.D.C.

Question / Answer Section Q/A for the Week of 11/28/24

Q: King Josiah was pleased with the discovery of a scroll and proclaimed a festo so all Judah could celebrate. True or False
A: False [2 Chronicles 34: 19, 21]

Q: Amos stated that the children of Israel would be punished for their iniquities because of the special blessings they had received from God.
A: True [Amos 3:2]

Q: God appointed Jeremiah a prophet by touching a hot coal to his lips.
A: True [Jeremiah 1:9]

Questions for the Week of 12/5/24

Q: In times past, God spoke to His people Israel through the prophets, but in these last days, by whom has He spoken?

Q: God has blessed us, chosen us, and destined us to be His children through whom?

Today is a good day! Be grateful.
Eria's Daughter, Sue



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